

WEALTH AND POWER WAKE THE GOULD'S CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL

THE MOST REMARKABLE OF ITS KIND EVER GIVEN IN THIS COUNTRY.

They Mark Their Entrance Into Society with an Old-Time English Function, Brought Up-to-Date by American Millions.

Elisha Dyer, with Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, Leads the Cotillon, and All the Carnations in New York Make a Bower of Beauty.

MRS. GEORGE GOULD has not forgotten the art of Daly's. By half an hour of superb acting in Mrs. Wharton's new play "The Twilight of the Gods," she captured and bewitched the hundred or more of her friends in society who made up the Christmas party that the Goulds are entertaining with perfect hospitality in Lakewood.

In a wonderful pale blue afternoon gown, with a setting of rich and heavy pearls glowing at her neck, and a battery of great diamonds scattering on her fingers, she made a reference to the necessity of paying the butcher to Mr. Wendell, her husband in the play.

"Damn the butcher," groaned Mr. Wendell.



Spirit of the Mistletoe, a Child Ballet Dancer, Firouettes for Gould Guests at the Splendid Function in Lakewood Last Night.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gould marked their entrance into New York society last night by presenting the most remarkable entertainment of a social character ever given in this country. The most exclusive society folk in this and other cities journeyed to the Gould home in Lakewood to witness the theatricals and take part in the dances. Elisha Dyer, Jr., with Mrs. Stuyvesant Fish, led the cotillon. The favors were magnificent and exceedingly clever in conception. All the carnations in New York City, as well as thousands of roses and tons of holly and mistletoe, were bought to make bowers of beauty of the great rooms in which supper was served to the guests at small tables.

"He has written again," replied Mrs. Gould, dryly.

"For that matter the butcher and the milksop maker have, too. All of them use the same police letter writer, for they all say the same thing in exactly the same way."

That was incongruous, perhaps, when he knew that the butcher never will marry the woman who spoke the lines, but it answered for the moment, the art of emotion which she developed in the election of Mrs. Wharton's play made one forget that temptation to laugh.

As Mrs. Lucius Warland Mrs. Gould is wife of the man she decided to marry her and the other man whom she had loved ten years before, had agreed that another woman had the greater claim upon his honor. Her husband she despises in a matter-of-fact way, with a warm touch of good humor and philosophy which offsets the character.

Otherwise this other man is an unexpected guest at the Newport villa, where he Warlands are obliged to receive him in the absence of the hostess. Warland sees in Overyille's coming the chance he wants for a political office, for Overyille, since the dead and buried love affair, has become "the power behind the throne" at Washington, and argues his wife to exert her influence with her old lover to his advantage. Her husband's every word makes her wince with disgust, and this conjugal tete-a-tete ends just before Overyille's arrival.

Her Old Love Dies.

Over a cup of tea the old lovers speak of their memories, but when the man tries to revive the passion of old days, avowing again his own, with each of his words some fact of her ideal dies.

"You were an idol, a high place where I would stand to get a view," she cries. Now I think of you as a man one would like to have for a neighbor at dinner."

This conclusion is arrived at through a bewildering fencing match of sparkling, if at times unintelligent, epigram. The husband enters and is presented. In a tirade of the wildest type a grand affair of the heart is to be buried.

her face the expression of a sad disillusionment.

She Wins Applause.

The audience was vastly pleased with Mrs. Gould's debut in amateur theatricals. There was a rousing welcome for her at her entrance, and she had the centre of attention by divine right of talent, throughout the piece. At its close even the impatient dancers stopped to give three of the heartiest curtain calls, and a large bunch of roses was passed over the footlights.

COTILLON FAVORS THINGS OF BEAUTY.

When the curtain was rung down for the last time and the theatricals had passed into society's history as the most brilliant event of their kind in this country, supper was served by Delmonico, who surpassed himself. It was a feast in harmony with the rest of the entertainment and was served at small tables. Nine thousand red carnations were used in their decoration.

For two days the carnation market was practically cornered, and every one that could be bought in New York was used for the purpose. They were arranged in immense bells, one for each table. These bells stood on little stands and were so delicately poised that they kept swinging backward and forward constantly, as though blowing.

All around the supper room were evidences of Yuletide. Quantities of Christmas greens were effectively arranged wherever possible with bunches of scarlet, berried holly and boughs of mistletoe. American Beauty roses in vases added brilliant color to the scene.

which kept constantly evolving and producing the effect of electric fountains.

Mrs. Charles Randolph Snowden, formerly Miss Bertha de Pourtales Churchman, Philadelphia, who was married last month, was one of Mrs. Gould's guests. In her honor there was a bridal figure, which was decidedly novel. Great wreaths of orange blossoms were provided for the women, while each man received a bride, a dear little doll dressed in regulation bridal finery, veil, orange blossoms and all the accessories, fastened on white satin ribbons.

GOULD GUESTS AT THE DINNER.

Following is a list of the guests in George J. Gould's party at dinner at Lakewood last evening:

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. P. Belmont, Chauncey Depew, Brigadier-General Fitzgerald, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clews, Mrs. Elliott, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Dodge, Mr. and Mrs. Sands, Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, Marquise de Talleyrand, Miss Mamie Field, Mr. and Mrs. D. E. R. Norman Whitehouse, Mr. and Mrs. Dana Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Lord, Mrs. Ladyburg, Mrs. Church Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Post, Miss Thomas, Miss Isabel Cameron, Miss Nora Fitzgerald, Miss Wheeler, Mrs. Duncan Elliott, Miss Eleanor Hewitt, Miss Ethel Davier, Mrs. Devanman, Miss Hall, Lispenard Stewart, Worthington Whitehouse, Charles Munn, Richard Cotnam, Sandford Beatty, Fred Baldwin, Willis Field, Leonard Jacoby, Madison Grant, Gordon Fellows, Ralph Ellis, R. F. Collier, E. C. Potter, R. Leon Hazard, R. E. F. Finch, Henry Clews, Jr., E. W. Roby, James Cutting, H. L. Herbert, Raymond Herbert, R. J. Collier, J. M. Materburg, Levy Beckman, Ned Randolph, J. E. Cowden, A. M. Bazzy, George Kendrick, Leslie Baker, George Brooks, F. H. Allen, Louis Fitzgerald, Croighton Webb, A. D. Wenzel, Charles Cortis, De Forest Grant, Frank W. Andrews, Harper Pennington, Craig E. Wordsworth, Peter Cooper Hewitt, James W. Glard, W. Cutting, Erskine Hewitt, R. Deschamps, B. Clark, M. Carter, E. Hawkes, Max Muller, Moncure Robinson, Otis Minot, Larry Waterbury, R. W. Vancotland, Mr. and Mrs. George B. De Forest, S. Chew, Mr. Crosby, Mr. Anderson, Lord Monte Britton, D. W. Bishop, Jr., and B. Chew.

The Journal printed last week 10,817 employment "Want" Adverts., which is 3,311 more than any other newspaper.

PROGRAMME OF THE THREE PLAYS.

The performance began with the dramatic sketch, "A Pair of Lunatics," by W. R. Walkes.

THE CHARACTERS.
He (otherwise Captain George Field), Mr. Smith. She (otherwise Clara Manness), Miss Fernandez. Selection by the orchestra.

Followed by the comedietta, "The Marble Arch," by Edward Rose and A. J. Garraway.

CHARACTERS.
Jack Meredith (married), Mr. Bal. Captain Troutman (bachelor), Mr. Wendell. Constance Cameron (widow), Miss Pearson. Marian Meredith (wife), Mrs. Gould. Time, the present day; scene, Meredith's house in Mellion Gardens, Hyde Park.

To conclude, will be presented for the first time on any stage a play, "The Twilight of the Gods," by Mrs. Wharton.

CHARACTERS.
John Overyille, Mr. Putnam. Lucius Warland, Mr. Wendell. Lady Warland, Mrs. Wendell. Senary by Homer F. Eneke. Stage built by G. B. Puris. Electrical effects by J. C. Mayer. Music furnished by Lucius Homer. The performance under the direction of Napier Lohman, Jr.

WOMEN PROPOSE GIVING A XMAS GIFT WITH EACH FARE.

Chicagoans Asked to Contribute One Cent Over the Usual Amount Next Saturday.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—The Chicago Woman's Club has passed resolutions calling upon every person who rides on the street cars next Saturday to pay six cents fare, instead of the usual five cents, so that the conductors and gripmen may each get a Christmas present.

The plan, if carried out, will not several dollars for each conductor and gripman. Should even a half or a third of the fares carry a one-cent gift with them, the difference in the conductors' Christmas pocket-money would be considerable. A conductor who makes five round trips and takes up sixty fares on each trip would receive \$2 if only one-third of the passengers gave up their quota.

Fire Kills a Child; a Baby May Die.
Mary Garrett, the six-year-old daughter of Edmund Garrett, was burned to death last night at her home, in Gleebe street, Orange, N. J. Her clothing caught fire from a stove. An infant was killed with smoke that it may die. The mother left the children alone in the house for a moment, and they were playing near the stove.

UNION CLUB SURE TO BUY THE SITE IN 51ST STREET.

Archbishop Corrigan Approves of the Transfer of the Orphan Asylum Land.

The contracts for the sale of the Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum block to a syndicate of ten in which are Charles T. Barney and George R. Sheldon, of the Union Club, and also for the sale of the Fifty-first street corner to the Union Club for \$700,000 are drawn up and ready for signatures.

The Finance and Law committees of the trustees of the Orphan Asylum held a meeting yesterday at which the contracts as drawn up were approved. As a matter of form, however, the contracts must be approved by the Board of Trustees, which will be done at a meeting to be held next Sunday. The transfer will not be made, therefore, until some time next week. It is known that Archbishop Corrigan approved of it.

The purchase price of the asylum block is placed at \$2,450,000. The Union Club will pay \$700,000 for the Fifty-first street corner, and put up a house which will cost not less than \$400,000, making its total outlay at least \$1,100,000.

\$34,000 ELECTION BET PAID.

Joseph A. McGarry's \$14,000 Against Odds On Won for Him.

Former Alderman Arthur J. Honeoy, as stakeholder, yesterday paid over \$34,000, the amount wagered on the result of the last election, by Joseph A. McGarry and Robert A. Furey.

Furey bet \$20,000 to \$14,000 that the entire Democratic county ticket in Brooklyn would win. The face of the returns and the official count showed that Gray, the candidate for Register, lost.

DAYS NOW WILL BE LONGER.

Yesterday Was Shortest of the Year and Winter's Beginning.

The shortest day of the year was yesterday. This also was the beginning of Winter, in spite of the fact that the thermometer registered 32 degrees at 8 o'clock in the morning.

BISHOP TURNER, THOUGH ILL, KEPT FROM SLEEPING CAR.

Now Georgia Compels Companies to Furnish Separate Coaches for Colored Patrons.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 21.—The bill which recently passed the Legislature compelling sleeping car companies in this State to provide separate cars for the races was signed this morning by Governor Candler, in spite of the protests of a large number of influential Atlanta negroes.

As a peculiar coincidence Bishop Henry M. Turner, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, was unable this morning to obtain at any price a berth in one of the sleeping cars of the Central Railroad at Savannah. The Bishop had just suffered a paralytic attack, but the railroad company decided it could not get aside its custom.

PRESIDENT WILL SEE MILES'S DAUGHTER WEDDED.

He Promises to Attend the Ceremony on January 10 and to Be at the Wedding Breakfast.

Washington, Dec. 21.—The marriage of Miss Oella Miles, daughter of General and Mrs. Nelson A. Miles, to Lieutenant Samuel Reher, United States Engineer, will take place January 10 at St. John's Church.

The ceremony will be followed by a breakfast at the residence of General Miles on N street. At the church there is likely to be a large company, as invitations will be issued to the official, diplomatic and resident society of General and Mrs. Miles's acquaintances.

President McKinley and the Cabinet have already announced their intention of being present at the church as well as at the breakfast.

"Amos Box" Swindles Lawyers.
J. Lewis Lyon, calendar clerk of the Trial Term of the Supreme Court, yesterday announced in the County Courthouse that he had been informed by a reputable lawyer that some person had made the round of the lawyers' offices downtown soliciting subscriptions for a "Christmas Box," to be presented to the clerks in the different parts of the court. Mr. Lyon denounced the scheme as a swindle. The solicitor of contributions is described as tall, stout and of dark complexion.

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